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October 6, 2017

UCAB Quality of Life Committee Meeting

**Monday, October 9 7:00pm
Kramer Upcounty Regional Services Center
12900 Middlebrook Road, Germantown**

Topic: Small Antennas and Microtowers & Draft Zoning Text Amendment to Address Community Concerns

Guest: Mitsuko Herrera, ultraMontgomery Project Director

Attention: A ZTA community meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 23rd at the Stella B. Werner Council Office Building, 3rd floor Hearing Room. Click [here](#) for more information and directions.

Click [here](#) for full Draft Zoning Text Amendment (ZTA) and [here](#) for summary. ZTA would amend zoning rules related to deployment of smaller antennas on street light poles and lower height buildings. Community meetings were held on Monday, September 18th at the Silver Spring Civic Center and Tuesday, September 19th at the Montgomery County Germantown Campus. Click [here](#) for PowerPoint files from those meetings.

All board and committee meetings are open to the public!

Sign language interpreter services will be provided only upon request with notice as far in advance as possible, but no less than 72 hours prior to the event. If these or other services or aids are needed to participate in this activity, please call 240-777-8040 or email a request to catherine.matthews@montgomerycountymd.gov.

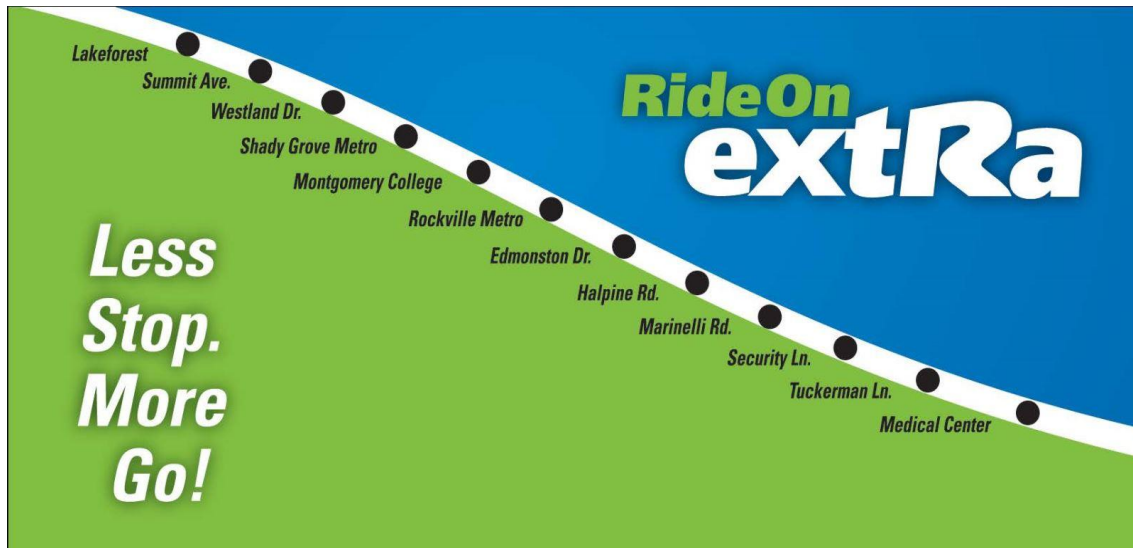


**Unity Walk and Resource Fair
Sunday, October 8 1:00pm
Chinmaya Mission Washington Regional
46 Norwood Road, Silver Spring**

Opening Ceremony and Resource Fair at Chinmaya Mission Washington Regional will be from 1:00pm-2:30pm. Then join the walk down "the Highway to Heaven" from 2:30pm-5:30pm, with a closing ceremony at the Cambodian Buddhist Temple. The walk, escorted by Montgomery County Police, will begin at the Chinmaya Mission and move consecutively to the People's Community Baptist Church; Heritage Christian Church; Muslim Community Center; First Alliance Church; Transfiguration Episcopal Church; and the Cambodian Buddhist Society. Shuttle bus service will return walkers to their cars at Blake High School.

Meet your neighbors, tour House of Worship, learn about the services our diverse faith communities offer!

See [press release](#) for more information. [Register Online](#) [Volunteer Online](#)



Ride On extRa will be **FREE** for all riders during October!

A LIMITED STOP FASTER SERVICE BETWEEN LAKEFOREST TRANSIT CENTER AND THE MEDICAL CENTER METRO STATION

<http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/dot-transit/RideOnExtra.html>

This limited-stop service runs every ten minutes on MD 355 during morning and evening rush hours between the Lakeforest Transit Center in Gaithersburg and Medical Center Metro Station in Bethesda.

... with a charging station for your phone or iPad at each seat!



Open House at the County's Public Safety Training Academy
Saturday, October 14 10:00am-2:00pm
8751 Snouffer School Road, Gaithersburg

The public is invited to tour Montgomery County's new Public Safety Training Academy (PSTA), a state-of-the-art facility, that provides access to cutting-edge technology, reality-based training experiences, and consolidates critical public safety and first-responder training. See where the County's public safety personnel receive the highest quality of instruction and training.

Public safety vehicles, equipment, demonstrations, presentations, children activities and more will be available.

[Share Event Flyer.](#)



World of Montgomery Festival
October 15 12:00n – 4:00pm
Montgomery College, Rockville Campus
51 Mannakee Street, Rockville
(rain or shine)

Live music! Cultural activities! International Foods! Performance stages!

The free festival includes an international village, traditional arts and crafts demonstrations, ethnic food, a Parade of Cultures, two performance stages of traditional dance and music, and fun interactive activities for the whole family.

Follow at [#worldofmontgomery](https://www.instagram.com/worldofmontgomery) Visit www.worldofmontgomery.com for more information.

Check out this 30- second video: <https://youtu.be/2-y73whCjTA>

Montgomery County is First Community in Maryland to Launch a Mobile Commuter Store

At the Mobile Commuter Store (MCS), customers can: purchase or load value onto transit fare media, including regular and Senior SmarTrip cards and the Ride On Youth Cruiser Pass; purchase MARC Commuter Rail passes; and register for Capital Bikeshare and obtain key fobs. The store also provides real time transit information based on the location of the vehicle on screens both inside and outside the MCS, and offers a wide variety of transportation and visitor information.

MCDOT will be developing a schedule of regular stops for the MCS that will be available [online](#). MCDOT's Commuter Services Section welcomes ideas from the public regarding locations for regular or special MCS stops.

Commuter Services also provides a wide range of other services to employers, employees and residents throughout the County to promote use of transit, car/vanpooling, biking, bikeshare, telework and other sustainable transportation alternatives. Learn more about MCDOT's Commuter Services [online](#) – including availability of FareShare, the County's transit/vanpool subsidy matching for employees working in the County.



Oaks Landfill Solar Photovoltaic Project
Monday, October 23 6:30pm
Laytonsville Elementary School
21401 Laytonsville Road, Gaithersburg

Montgomery County is developing a Photovoltaic solar system on top of the former Oaks Landfill. Construction is scheduled to begin in Spring 2018 with completion expected by October 2019. This is a joint project between Montgomery County's Department of General Services and the Department of Environmental Protection's Solid Waste Services. The project will be constructed and financed by Tesla.

The community is invited to discuss the project and view drawings of the site. This is a follow-up to the first community meeting about the project. No additional meetings are planned, so please join us if possible.

The MARC Rail Communities Plan: Boyds & Germantown

<http://montgomeryplanning.org/planning/communities/area-3/marc-rail-communities>

- October 19 – Preliminary recommendations to Planning Board, 5:00pm
- November 16 – Working draft to Planning Board, time TBA

Please check the agendas for the Planning Board and the Council before leaving for the session:

<http://montgomeryplanningboard.org>

<http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/council>

October Is Energy Action Month in Montgomery County; Department of Environmental Protection to Host Educational Events Throughout the Month

http://www2.montgomerycountymd.gov/mcportalapps/Press_Detail.aspx?Item_ID=21440

Still Have an Overdue Book from the Library?

Problem solved October 22-29!

Montgomery County Public Libraries' Food for Fines program will be held October 22 through 29. Food for Fines offers customers the opportunity to earn \$1 for each donated food item toward payment of existing library fines. The donations will go to the Manna Food Center, a local non-profit that works to collect and distribute donated foods to those in need in the community. The program is offered during Montgomery County's Community Service Week.

While the program provides a reprieve to customers who have existing fines or hold fees, everyone is invited to participate in the food drive. Food items for donation should be taken to the Circulation desk at any open library branch during normal operation hours. Note the following branches are closed for refresh projects: Bethesda, Quince Orchard, and White Oak.

A suggested list of food that will serve the greatest need is available at <http://www.mannafood.org/give-food/most-needed-foods-list/>.

For more information about the Foods for Fines program go to <http://montgomerycountymd.gov/Library>

County Encourages Residents to Test Internet Speed with New Tool "Check Speed Montgomery"

The Montgomery County Speed Test [Check Speed Montgomery](#) was built to solve the problem of a lack of transparency and accountability for ISPs. By bringing this application to Montgomery County, the County gains a tool for measuring Internet speed and quality, empowering residents and elected officials to quantify what is currently only speculation.

Check your internet speed here - <https://goo.gl/1Y4brP>

“Mobike” Comes to Montgomery County

Montgomery County has signed an operating agreement with [Mobike](#), making the County the first suburban jurisdiction in the U.S. to adopt this dockless bike share system. Mobike is the largest bike-sharing platform in the world. This month, as a pilot program, these dockless bikes will be available in Silver Spring via a smartphone app.

To use Mobike, individuals will be able to download the Mobike app to register and locate a nearby bike, then unlock it by scanning the QR code. Once at their destination, the bicyclist can park the bike in an approved area and lock it, making it available for the next user. These bikes are powered by unique high-tech features including smart-lock technology, non-puncture airless tires, bike status sensors and built-in GPS locators.

A striped buffer with flexposts separates the new bike lanes from motor vehicle traffic. The buffer varies in width from two feet to eight feet. Along most of the lane, on-street parking forms a barrier between the buffer and the travel lane. The project includes bike boxes and two-stage queue boxes. These boxes allow bicyclists to make left turns at multi-lane intersections from the right-side separated bike lane. The bike lane project includes the first floating bus stops in Montgomery County, designed to reduce conflicts between motor vehicles, bicycles and pedestrians. Four floating bus stops provide a bus boarding platform on the opposite side of the bike lane from the sidewalk. This allows bicyclists to travel safely in the protected lane without buses crossing over the bike lane or stopping in the bike lane to pick up or discharge passengers. Transit riders use a crosswalk to get across the bike lane. Floating bus stops have been constructed around the world and across North America.

The Mobike company officially launched its service in Shanghai in April 2016 and has since expanded its presence to 180 cities globally, including the District of Columbia. The company now operates more than seven million smart bikes and supports over 25 million rides every day. As of August 2017, Mobike users have collectively cycled over 5.6 billion kilometers, equivalent to reducing CO2 emissions by more than 1.26 million tons, or taking 350,000 cars off the road for a year.

Read more at http://www2.montgomerycountymd.gov/mcgportalapps/Press_Detail.aspx?Item_ID=21446

Montgomery County Ranked 8th Most Vibrant Large Arts Community in U.S. . . .again!

In May 2017, Southern Methodist University's National Center for Arts Research (NCAR) Arts Vibrancy Index Report III ranked Montgomery County as the 8th most vibrant large arts community (population of 1 million or more) in the country. This is Montgomery County's third consecutive year ranking in the top 10 Large Arts Communities category within the greater Silver Spring-Frederick-Rockville, MD metropolitan area. Montgomery County ranks in the top 1 percent of the country's arts-vibrant communities.

The Arts Vibrancy Index ranks 937 communities across the country annually, utilizing data compiled by DataArts and their Cultural Data Profile, the Theatre Communications Group, The League of American Orchestras, the Internal Revenue Service, the Census Bureau, the National Assembly of State Arts Agencies, Americans for the Arts, the National Endowment for the Arts, and the Institute of Museum and Library Sciences to gather a clear picture of the cultural landscape and local vibrancy of our community. Rankings like this highlight the incredible amount of local support and leadership that makes Montgomery County one of the best places in the country to live and work.

Please click [here](#) to read the full Arts Vibrancy Index Report III.



Leggett Appoints Dr. Travis Gayles County Health Officer & Public Health Chief

http://www2.montgomerycountymd.gov/mcgportalapps/Press_Detail.aspx?Item_ID=21435

Montgomery County Council Seeks Applicants for Grants Advisory Group

Application Deadline is 4:00pm on Friday, November 3, 2017

The Montgomery County Council is seeking applicants for positions on its Fiscal Year 2019 Grants Advisory Group. The Council will appoint the volunteer community panel to review grant applications and advise it on proposals received from the non-profit community. The Council believes that a strong partnership with non-profit organizations is critical in meeting the County's needs. The Council has established a grants process in which the Council accepts applications from non-profit organizations seeking funds, forwards proposals to the Grants Advisory Group for advice and comments and then makes funding decisions during its spring budget deliberations.

It is anticipated that the Grants Advisory Group will be appointed in December and will be asked to report to the Council by the end of April 2018. The Council will designate the chair of the Advisory Group.

Panel members will need to attend training sessions and review relevant materials during late January and February. The applications review process will take place between late February and April 15.

See other details at http://www2.montgomerycountymd.gov/mcgportalapps/Press_Detail.aspx?Item_ID=21455

Matching Mini-Grants Now Available for Neighborhood Projects or Events!

Sometimes all that is keeping a wonderful neighborhood event from materializing is a relatively small amount of resources... Well, now there is a local source for that!

The Neighborhood Events Matching Fund was established by Montgomery County to encourage capacity building, neighborhood beautification, networking, and to stimulate the local economy. The maximum grant amount is \$1,000. Funds must be matched and the event must take place this fiscal year – between now and June 30, 2018.

Applying is easy. [Download the PDF](#) application form, complete it, and submit it to your Regional Director. Regional Directors are listed on the application form.

There is no deadline for application, but funding is limited. So, regardless of whether your project or event is next month or months away, apply now!

See the [application](#) for more details and instructions.



BlackRock Center for the Arts
12901 Town Commons Dr., Germantown
www.blackrockcenter.org



[Hypnotic Brass Ensemble](#). (Yes! They're the ones who provided music for the film, *The Hunger Games*.)

[brass, Funk, Soul](#) | **Friday, Oct 6, 2017 | 8:00 PM**

BlackRock proudly debuts Hypnotic Brass Ensemble for its 2017-18 season opener. Comprised of the Seven Sons of Jazz Great Phil Cohran, these Blood Brothers come from an extraordinary musical family. [Read more...](#)



Sweet Honey in the Rock

A cappella, Music | Sunday, Oct 8, 2017 | 7:00 PM

Making their BlackRock debut, Sweet Honey In The Rock® a cappella ensemble remains among the most vibrant, versatile and ever relevant musical collectives in music today; as a performance ensemble and as an ambassadorial African American organization founded on the triumvirate missions of empowerment, education and entertainment. [Read more...](#)

Don't miss either of these shows!!

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For other news and meeting agendas, visit:

County Council http://www2.montgomerycountymd.gov/mcgportalapps/press_List.aspx?id=01

Planning Board http://www.montgomeryplanning.org/departments/news_releases

Also check out the latest from:

Department of Public Libraries <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/library>

Department of Recreation <http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/rectmpl.asp?url=/content/rec/index.asp>

Department of Transportation <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/dot/index.html>

Department of Environmental Protection <http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/deatmpl.asp?url=/content/dep/dephome/index.asp>

Department of Permitting Services <http://permittingservices.montgomerycountymd.gov/DPS/general/Home.aspx>

Montgomery County Volunteer Center <http://www.montgomeryserves.org>

Office of Community Partnerships <http://archive.constantcontact.com/fs100/1102184431012/archive/1117215431562.html>

Commission for Women <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/cfw/index.html>

Parks Department <http://www.montgomeryparks.org/>

Planning Department <http://montgomeryplanning.org/>